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Miss Southwestern to compete in Star Search finals, Spokesmodel Division



Tamara Walker, Miss Southwestern 1991, represents SWOSU in one of several parades.

By Dionne Wright

Tamara Walker, Miss Southwestern 1990, will be in California to film her final segment for Star Search Spokesmodel Division competition on Dec. 15. If she wins she will receive \$100,000.

Walker was born in Thomas where her grandparents still reside. She later moved to Norman where she graduated from high school. She chose SWOSU to live near her grandparents and "to live away from home, yet be close enough to visit. I also didn't want to be just another number at OU. I like the smaller classes here."

Her mother will accompany her to the finals in Los Angeles where Tamara will also interview with several agencies. "I've always wanted to model, so I feel I have to try it... Who knows? I may hate it and move back to Weatherford. I just don't know yet.

I tried to live in L.A. once before, but it was under different circumstances and I was only 18. I called by parents after two weeks and said, "Send me an airplane ticket or I'm walking back!" Now with the Star Search exposure and an encouraging call from Columbia pictures, prospects look good.

"I got used to videos after a few minutes, and I had a blast. The people at Star Search are wonderful to work with." Walker has also met many people on the show including the audience's favorite act, "Four Boys and a Babe."

One of the disadvantages of television is not being able to choose one's own clothing. "I have to wear what they want me to wear. Sometimes I say, "I can't wear this! My grandparents will see this and die!" This show does compensate by sewing up plunging necklines and making other alterations.

The judges always remain a mystery at competitions. They're under close supervi-

sion and protection. "We never met the judges," Walker commented, "But Ed McMahon is very nice."

When asked about the surroundings she excitedly said, "I thought I would be put at a nice hotel, but this one is exceptional!" She described the hotel in Beverly Hills and the shuttle available to take her anywhere. "There's a Hard Rock Cafe and a mall right by the hotel."

Walker is very grateful to her parents, especially her greatest supporter, her 17-year-old brother, Tyler. "I feel he's taken a back seat to me in the family, but he's never resented me. It's been just the opposite. He doesn't have a car, so I'd like to buy him a new one if I win."

Walker will find out an exact date for the airing of the finals when taping. It will be sometime in February. Also in February, another SWOSU student will have the opportunity to compete for the Miss Southwestern 1991 title.

Views toward 2.0 GPA retention standards mixed

The final public hearing on the State Regents' proposal that would require all students at Oklahoma's state colleges and universities to maintain a "C" average to remain in good academic standing has been held.

Setting academic standards for the state public colleges and universities is among the responsibilities that the Oklahoma Constitution assigns to the State Regents. The State Regents have been gathering public input on the proposed policy modifications through the hearings.

The retention standards proposal states the beginning fall 1993, students at Oklahoma's 25 public colleges and universities must maintain a 2.0 (C) cumulative grade point average in order to remain in good academic standing. The proposed standard would be phased in over a three-year period.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors falling below a 2.0 cumulative GPA would be placed on academic

probation. Students on probation would have one semester to raise their cumulative GPA to a 2.0 or achieve a semester GPA of 2.0 for 12 hours of courses that apply toward a degree.

Students failing to achieve the required cumulative or semester GPA would be suspended from the college or university.

The proposal recommends that freshmen whose cumulative GPA falls between a 1.7 and 2.0 be placed on academic notice and that institutions offer additional academic support services—such as counseling, tutoring or peer study groups—for such students.

Freshmen falling below a 1.7 cumulative grade point average will come under the probation and suspension procedures.

Current retention standards require students to achieve a 1.6 cumulative GPA by the time they have earned 24 to 36 semester hours, a 1.8 for 37 to 72 hours, and 2.0 for 73 or more semester hours.

Editor's note: The remainder of this article was researched and written by Teresa Miller, Ron Leggins, Brad Church, Jason Beasley, Kristi Hill, Dionne Wright, Lance Garrett, Tammi Heilaman, and Wendy Branstine

Various SWOSU students, administrators, and faculty were asked their opinions of this proposal. The questions garnered both criticism and praise.

Those against the proposal raised some relevant questions. Sonya Williams said, "It's harder for them (people who work) to make good grades." Another student, Danny Crabb stated, "I think all it will do is make Oklahoma athletics less competitive. Right now 1.6 and 1.8 for juniors and seniors is fine, and I think that we should stick with the national records."

Others had mixed feelings on the issue. One administrator reacted favorably to both sides of the issue: the requirement would help get students

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The Holiday Art Show sponsored by the Society of Creative Artists begins today and runs through December 7., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art Building.

Several choral/band organizations will be featured at the annual women's chorus concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. (See photo and story, Page 4.)

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Editorial

Kristi's Korner



WARNING! This week's column contains very little, if any, humor. I hope that's different from my usual articles. This week something happened to make me quite depressed, so this one will be somewhat different. I'm going to talk about patience.

They say that patience is a virtue. But who is "they"? What do "they" know? We all know that patience is a difficult thing to learn. In my opinion, there are different kinds of patience that are called for in various situations. There is the patience we need when we have to wait in line for something. I think everyone experienced this one during the last few weeks while trying to enroll. This kind of patience isn't all that hard for most people to conjure up.

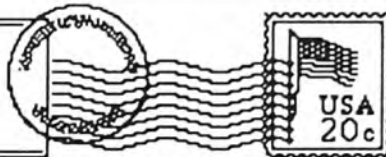
Another kind of patience is the kind you need when working on a project of some kind, like homework. (I know. I said the "H" word!) This takes a little more concentration and work. You have to stick with whatever you're working on until you get it right. This one is very hard for me personally. I get bored too easily and my mind starts to wander. The more you practice on this one, though, the easier it gets. You just have to have enough discipline and desire to keep with it.

Perhaps the most difficult, at least in my life right now, is the patience that is required in relationships. You may not think about this one too much until it really becomes necessary. I think that's because using this kind of patience hurts so much. You have to have the patience to wait on someone. How much you care about or love the person will determine how long you will be willing to wait. If you truly love the person, whether it be a friend, a family member, or most often a boyfriend or girlfriend, you'll be willing to wait forever if that's what it takes. The person you are waiting on usually doesn't realize how hard it is for you to wait, and that makes it even more difficult for you. This kind of patience takes an extreme amount of effort, and like I said, it does hurt most of the time. If you are willing to stick this one out, though, the end result will almost be worth it.

So whatever kind of patience you are having to use, or are trying to learn, just hang in there. You can always be sure that you're not the only one struggling. And, if you have someone who is using patience with you and waiting on you, acknowledge that fact. Realize that they must really love you quite a bit to be willing to let themselves be hurting so much. Above all, don't take advantage of them just because you know they'll still be there, no matter what.

Well, I guess patience is a virtue after all. It's just such a hard one to grasp.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

In the November 14 edition of *The Southwestern* an article appeared entitled "Merit pay plan may brighten educators' future." The article was written by one of our students, Mike Dixon, and consistent with the title it gave the impression that faculty are generally in favor of the implementation of a merit pay system at Southwestern. For example, the article stated, "Practically all the faculty contacted have voiced favor of the new merit play." In another place it stated, "Administration has expressed both optimism and pessimism, though the faculty seems to be more optimistic. . ." As a member of the Faculty Senate who worked on drafting Senate recommendations regarding merit pay, it is my opinion as well as that of several other Senators that this article did not accurately portray the Faculty's position. The purpose of this letter is to try to present a more accurate view.

In October the Faculty Senate passed a motion going on record as opposing the implementation of merit pay at Southwestern. The motion passed by a near unanimous majority, with only one or perhaps two dissenting votes out of the 30 Senators present. I hasten to point out, however, that it is my impression that many Senators are not opposed to the idea of merit pay, *in theory*. The opposition comes primarily from the numerous problems inherent in developing a valid and objective means of measuring one's teaching effectiveness that would be fair for everyone across academic disciplines.

I have visited with Mike about his article, and I am convinced that he did not knowingly or deliberately misrepresent the faculty's position. Moreover, he was most gracious in responding to my inquiry. What apparently happened is that Mike interviewed five or six faculty members about the issue of merit pay, and all but one of these were in favor of the idea. So Mike's statements *were* accurate based on the faculty he interviewed. His error was in not qualifying the statements by making it clear that he had talked with only a limited number of faculty and that these were not selected in any systematic or unbiased way.

The last point reminds me that I, too, have not conducted the type of representative sampling that would allow one to legitimately make inferences to the faculty as a whole on the issue of merit pay. However, I can say that an overwhelming majority of Faculty Senators voted in favor of the motion opposing the implementation of merit pay. Presumably most Senators faithfully represented the majority of their constituents' views when they voted, but I do not know this with absolute certainty.

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The Alpha Kappa Psi, Lambda Phi Chapter, a professional business fraternity, conducted their weekly meeting on November 28. a demit (send off) was held for the 1990, Fall, graduating seniors. Guest speaker, Dean Randy Russell, School of Business, gave a presentation on, "The Hidden Benefits of Southwestern".

A weekly business meeting was conducted afterwards.

Alpha Kappa Psi membership has almost doubled this fall. Prior events this year have included rush, A Founders Day Sneak, the implementation of the Adopt a Highway Program, the Regional Conference, Initiation, social gatherings, fundraisers, service projects and regular business meetings. Alpha Kappa Psi seves to motivate as well as educate its members and others in achieving a higher economic literacy for a better understanding of our environment.

Tri Kappa

Tri Kappa Social Sorority recently organized this fall and will hold its first rush party January 9, 1991 at Switzer's Hair Design. Guests will be treated to refreshments and a program by Kent and Tammy Switzer on hair design and accessories. Charter members of the organization include Dionne Wright,

Stephanie Harris, Amber Taylor, Ginny Rhoads, Jamie Driskill, Shannon Dunn, and Angie Bynum. Faculty sponsor is Sherrie Sharp and the community sponsor is Cheryl Lockstone.

The group's goals are to promote school spirit, establish friendships, and provide social activities for not only women, but also men. Activities for the spring semester

include a spring formal, a "Don't go home this weekend: weekend, and a mother-daughter tea. The sorority also plans to have various "theme" dances, seminars, cookouts, and women s flag football.

The organization will begin meeting in January on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and hope to eventually develop into a nationally affiliated sorority.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club would like to thank all SWOSU faculty and students who purchased baked goods at the bake sale held on October 30. The membership appreciates everyone's help to make the bake sale a big success. The money from the bake sale will be used for scholarships.

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Women's chorus will present holiday concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m.



SWOSU's women's chorus, directed by Dr. Debra Spurgeon, will present its Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Everyone is invited to attend the concert which will feature several of the choral/band organizations. Members of the 1990-1991 women's chorus at Southwestern are (front row from left):

Dr. Debra Spurgeon, Angie Allen, Elk City; Lisa Parsells, OKC; Nancy Simpson, Fort Cobb; Meishel Wilsher, Weatherford; Julie Giddy, Edmond; Margaret Kight, Tablequah; Crystal Clifton, Coweta; Kim Duffy, Altus.

Second Row from left—Michelle Wallace, Mustang; Melissa Beauford, Borger, TX; Melissa Wright, Pawnee; Amy Sue Taylor, Chicago, IL; Kristi Limbocker, Perryton, TX; Linda Hardin, Fairview; Darlys Larson, Volga, SD.

Third Row from left—Nicole Rigsby, OKC (Putnam City West); Johnnie Airington, Woodward; Kristi Holt, Weatherford; Amy Briscoe, Sallisaw; Linda Snowden, Lomega; Martha Turaville, Hobart; Margaret Dewberry, Guthrie; Lorien Williams, Altus; Robyn Taff, Eakly; Dana Krigbaum, Olive; Alicia Laird, Cache; Jane Cole, Weatherford.


Fourth row from left—Michelle Seymour, Enid; Marni Adamson, Fairview; Stacy Colvin, Clinton; Cheri Lewis, Alva; Lori Finley, Cordell; Karla Meacham, OKC (Putnam City West); Tracy Hightower, OKC; Tamara Walker, Norman; Colleen Morris, Jenks; Jamie Bohlman, Mustang; Christina Wold, McAlester; Marilyn Shockey, Elk City.

Exit interviews for students graduating 12/90

The following is a schedule for Exit Interviews for students who have participated in the Stafford (GSL) or SLS (Supplemental Loan for Students) programs. This is a Federal requirement for any student who has participated in these programs. Academic transcripts cannot be released for any student who has not met this requirement. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled exit interview sessions, contact Mrs. Shore at the Financial Assistance Office for an individual interview.

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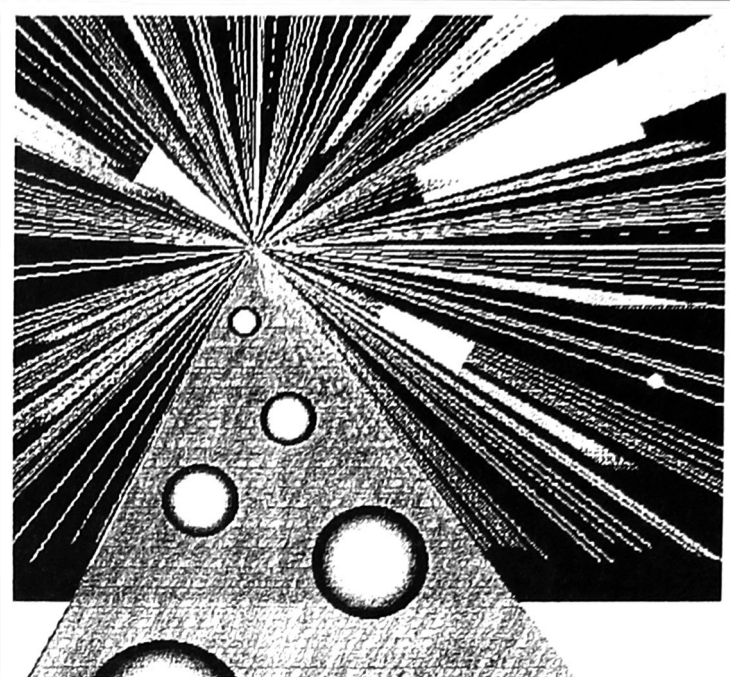


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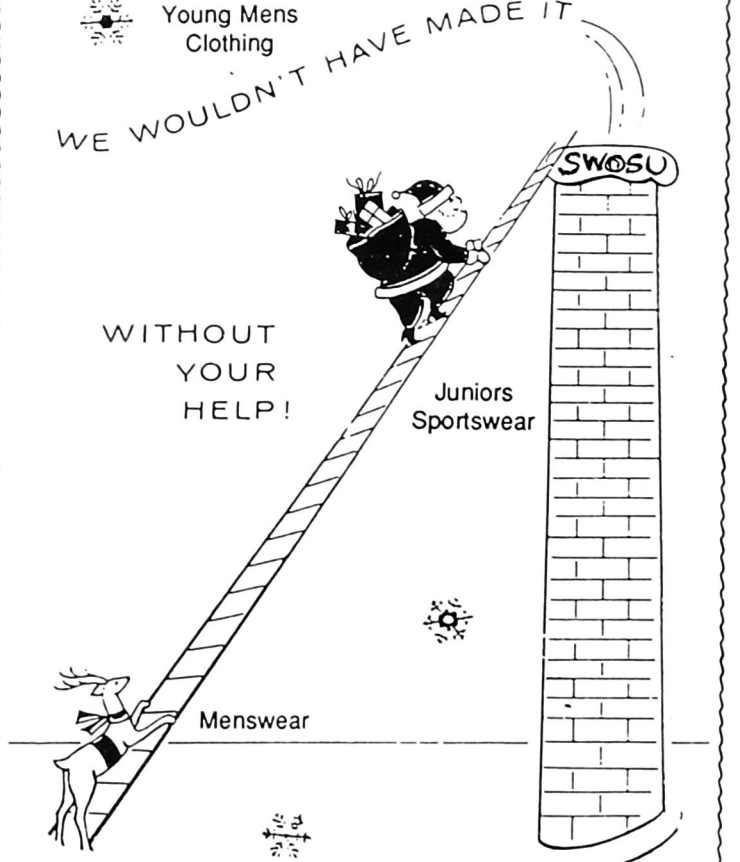
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Sports

Bulldogs home with opposite records

by Steve Collier

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs came home with opposite records this week 2-6 and 6-2 respectively.

The Lady Bulldogs have been playing some very good teams in the past week. The loss they recieved was to Phillips University.

The Phillips team is senior dominated and shows to be a

national contender.

Even with their losses to Phillips and Wayland Baptist the Lady Dawgs have outscored their opponents by an average total of 80.3 to 62.5.

The leading scorer for the Lady Bulldogs is Ames star Jackie Snodgrass. Snodgrass is averaging 17.5 points per game.

Linda Broomfield is leading the team in rebounds with an average of 6.8 per game.

The Lady Dawgs brought home the consolation trophy in the Tex-An Classic in which they participated last week.

Kris Lorenz is shooting 100 percent from the line this season.

The Bulldogs did not fare so well in their trip to the Southern Colorado Tourney.

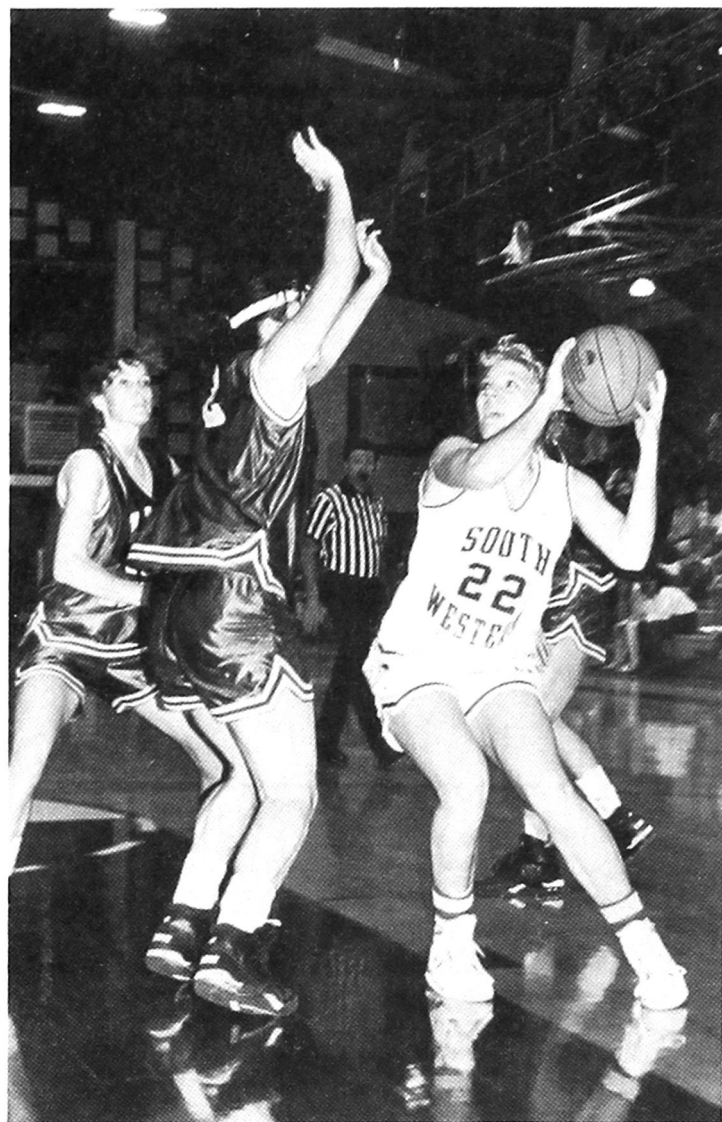
The Dawgs came home with a record of 2-6 and have not seemed to find the right combination to win.

The OKC Millwood junior Mike Parks leads the team in scoring with a 14.9 average.

Sharif Ford and Ronald Leggins share the rebounding lead with an average of 6 rebounds per game.

The Bulldogs are shooting 63 percent from the free-throw line and have only one player shooting over 70 percent.

The Dawgs and Lady Dawgs have no more home games this semester.



Kris crash

Kris Lorenz looks to lower the boom on the Oklahoma Baptist defender (Photo by Bill Geurin).



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Other Bulldogs also fare well with OIC honors

Bay dawg named Player of the Year

Linebacker Mark Bay of Shattuck was named Defensive Player of the Year and four other Bulldog players were named to the first team of the 1990 OIC football team. In addition, three others were named to the second team and five were named honorable mention.

Named to the first team were offensive lineman Dee Wilhelm of Elk City, wide receiver Nathan Robinson of

OKC Millwood, punter Larry Talbott of Kingfisher, defensive lineman Don Matthews of Marshall, Texas, and Bay.

Selected to the second team were offensive lineman Damon Sartor of Willis, Texas, running back Mark Williams of Pampa, Texas, and defensive lineman John Wichert of Weatherford.

Bay, who was an honorable mention selection in 1989, led the Bulldogs in tackles

this season with 141 which included 78 tackles. The Shattuck senior also had 8 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for loss of 20 yards. He also had 3 quarterback sacks, 3 pass breakups and 4 fumble recoveries.

Wilhelm, also a senior, was named to the first team in 1990. The offensive center for the Dawgs had been named to the OIC second team his junior year.

Robinson was the Bulldogs' leading receiver this season. Despite playing in only 8 games, Robinson caught 20 passes for 499 yards. The Millwood junior also grabbed 7 touchdown passes. His longest touchdown reception was an 88-yarder against New Mexico Highlands. In that game, Robinson had 200 yards in pass receptions which was a school record.

Talbott, also a junior, averaged 38.4 yards per punt in 1990 which led both the OIC and NAIA District Nine. His longest punt of the year was 59 yards which he booted three times. He had 59 yard punts against Arkansas Tech, Southeastern and Northeastern.

Matthews, who anchored the Bulldogs defensive line as a senior, had 53 tackles. Plus, he had 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 20 yards, 5 quarterback sacks, 2 pass breakups, and one blocked kick. Matthews was an honorable

mention OIC selection in 1989.

Sartor, offensive left tackle, was in his first year this season. He came to SWOSU from Sam Houston State. The sophomore helped Wilhelm anchor the Dawgs' offensive line in 1990.

Williams, a senior, had 512 yards in rushing this season on 140 carries. The Pampa tailback also had 9 pass receptions for 82 yards, and he also threw 2 touchdown passes. Williams played in 9 games this season. He was an OIC first teamer in 1989.

Wichert, a redshirt freshman, was a pleasant surprise for the Bulldogs' head coach

Paul Sharp. The Weatherford tackle was the Dawgs' third-leading tackler with 96. He also had 8 tackles for loss of 31 yards, 5 quarterback sacks, 4 fumble recoveries and 4 pass breakups.

The Bulldogs, which finished the 1990 season with a 5-5 record, also had five players named honorable mention. They are offensive lineman Jim George of Guymon; running back Eric Royal of Hughes Springs, Texas; defensive lineman Lance Rumsey of Moore; defensive back Earnest Baker of Dallas, Texas; and linebacker Brent Thorton of Groom, Texas.

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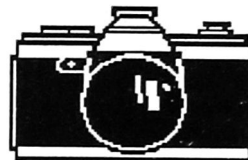


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started off on the right foot, yet freshmen may not have a chance to get adjusted in time since many learn discipline during their first 30 hours.

Dr. Helen Maxson, English instructor, was interested in the individuals' needs. She said, "I support strict academic standards, but I worry about students with emotional problems. I hope the system would take their needs into consideration. We need to build a safety net and counseling for these students. I believe in helping someone before you kick them out. To cut people off too quickly before they get serious about school is not real teaching."

Vice President Bob Brown stated, "I believe the new retention standards will remove the temptation to 'take life easy' during the first few

semesters. Students will need to perform from day one and most can if they must."

"In an effort to assist students who may have difficulty with the new retention standards, SWOSU is developing a program that will include an expanded orientation program, counseling, career education, tutoring, skills development opportunities, and more effective advisement. I support the new retention standards because they are reasonable and in the long run, will benefit the student and our nation," Brown added.

Mr. Bob Klaassen, SWOSU Registrar, also favored the proposal. He said, "I feel the 2.0 (GPA) is adequate. . . it may affect students' motivational levels and keep them high. . . our enrollment may

increase here as a result of this because students from larger institutions. . . will feel that they can do better at a smaller, regional university."

President Joe Anna Hibler stated that the policy will be phased in over a three-year period. The first phase will begin fall of '91, the second, fall '92, and the third, fall '93.

Since those who will likely be affected most by this policy change are now high school sophomores, three at Weatherford High School were asked their opinions. One said, "All this time I was told that your freshman year is supposed to be fun. You're away from home and you're kind of on your own. Now, it will be just like going back into high school. Next, they will probably tell us we can't go to any dances our freshman year!"

Ron Leggins, a member of the basketball squad, has a positive attitude about the 2.0 proposal. He said that Coach George Hauser puts emphasis on the players' making good grades. If a player is having trouble, the coach allows him extra study time. Leggins feels that even with the daily practices there is still time to study between classes and in the evenings. Leggins stated, "If a player really wants to play, he has to make the grade."

Vice President Brown offered this statement for consideration: "Most people have far more ability than they use. When challenges arise, we usually develop those talents and skills needed for survival. When times are easy and few demands are made, our talents often atrophy."



SSC OFFICERS line-up for the photographer: (back row, L-R) Ginny Rhoads, president; Angie Bynum, vice-president; Jamie Driskill, historian; Shannon Dunn, IFC delegate; Dionne Wright, corresponding secretary; (front row, L-R) Stephanie Harris, recording secretary. Not pictured: Amber Taylor, treasurer (photo by Ken Luginbyhl).

Southwestern Social Club discusses spring rush

Dean Kay Willaims and Mrs. Karen Dickey were special guests at the regular weekly meeting of Southwestern Social Club on Nov. 26. Dean Williams suggested reserving a floor in Rogers' Hall for the members of S.S.C. Meetings, and functions could be held in the study room on that floor.

Other subjects discussed at the meeting were the S.S.C. holiday banquet, which will be held Dec. 7, and the movie party to be held on Dec. 9.

Southwestern Social Club is collecting toys for underprivileged children in Oklahoma through Channel 5 and Toyland. Toys will be collected through Dec. 7. Toyland boxes will be set up in each building on campus or those having toys to donate may call 774-0818 to have any toys picked up.

S.S.C. members will appear on Channel 5, Dec. 8 at 10:00 p.m.

S.S.C.'s "Brandy's Best" Calendar of Men will be printed and ready to sell by finals week. S.S.C.'s members will be selling the calendars.

This year's men are Troy Appling, Craig Crawford, David Tittle, J.D. Leeds, J.D. Crowse, Beau Wade, Paul Porter, Shane Smith, Steve Coombs, Shane Myers, Buddy House and Ricky Butler.

Ideas for spring rush, which will begin as soon as spring classes begin in January, were also discussed.



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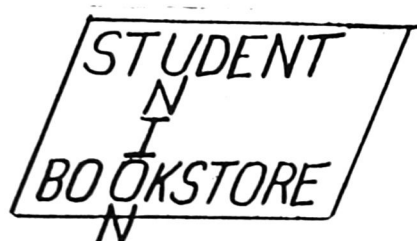
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English Club schedules studies of literary works, films, trips, during spring semester

By Marcia Trent

New activities and programs grace the revamped agenda of the English Club for the spring semester. Films based on or about literary works, speakers on a wide range of subjects in the field of Eng-

lish, and trips to different places are being considered by the club.

Thursday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m., S-108B, mark the next meeting for the club. All English majors and minors are invited to attend. Dues of \$5 for the full school year will

be spent on the activities.

Dr. Helen Maxson, faculty sponsor, stated, "We want to know what the students want to do. This meeting will be a great opportunity for them to tell us and to see if we would be able to implement their ideas."

Applications are being accepted for a student photographer position beginning January 1991 in the Public Relations Office. Anyone interested may pick up an application form in A-201.



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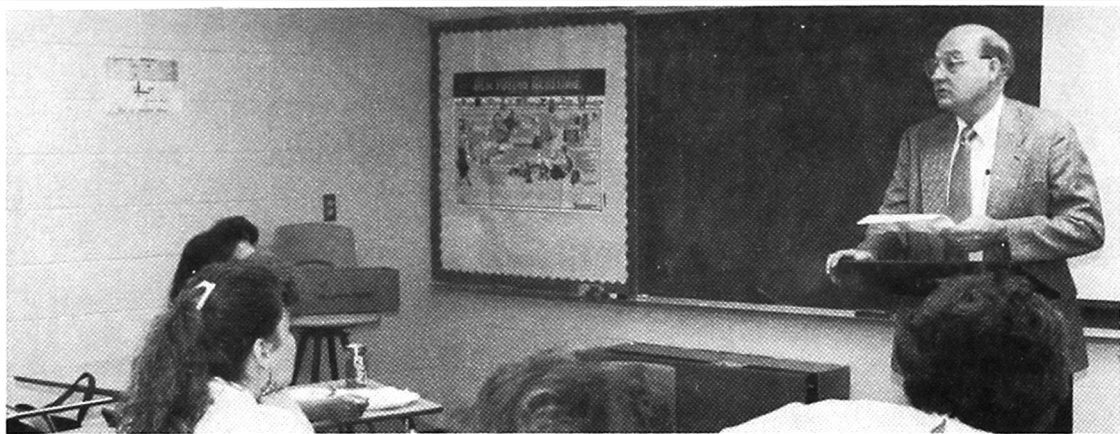
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DR. BILL DAVID explains the special education requirements to the S.O.E.A.

Rodeo man attends SWOSU

by Kurtis Ivey

There is a very unique man who attends SWOSU at Sayre. I was asked to do a feature story on this man who is also a close friend of mine. I didn't hesitate in accepting this proposal.

John Potter was born in Elk City, OK, where he was raised on a farm north of town. This farmboy started school in Berlin, Oklahoma, where he attended grade school. He spent the next three years in the halls of Elk City Junior High and later attended high school at Merrit, where he also received his high school diploma. One year later, John got married and entered the real world.

Being reared on a farm, John naturally learned to love being around horses and cattle. It was then where he yielded to temptation. The temptation to get on the back of a calf or a horse had been there since he could remember. John felt it necessary to ride the calves and horses on the farm as a means of satisfying his challenging disposition. This riding obsession became a way of life for John and followed him wherever he went. For instance, John can remember an incident that happened one day while he was at school where he led a pack of boys to riding the show steers in ag class when the teacher was not around.

After graduation, John started riding bulls and broncs in rodeos all over Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. Associated in all types of rodeos, big and small--John remembers them all. The rodeo in Amarillo, Texas, holds a special place in John's heart. I am sure that is partly because he won that rodeo in 1977.

Along with the fast-paced rodeo lifestyle came all of the glamour and the good times that the rodeo

life offered. For example, the after-rodeo dances always seemed exciting. It was a life of pleasure and traveling all over from rodeo to rodeo. John remarks "It was all I knew--I thought I was in 'hog heaven'".

To support his family and rodeo career, John was forced to work long hours. This slowly but surely tore down his family life. Along with this, John's father began to have serious health problems, and John suffered health problems of his own. It seemed like overnight he had suffered a broken marriage, lost his father due to sickness, and experienced pain in his knees as never before.

For the next three years, John's world was one of misery and disaster. He remembers it as "I didn't care about anything." It was this way until one day he came across a man by the name of Jack Byors. After talking with Jack a few minutes, John recognized that Jack had something that he desperately needed. Jack was a Christian man and began to share with John his faith in his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. By accepting Christ into his life, John found the peace for which he had long been searching for.

As mentioned earlier, John is now attending SWOSU at Sayre. His career plans are to someday enter the field of social work. He is also a very active part of his church (Grandview Assembly of God in Elk City). John is still as busy as he was ten years ago, but now he has a purpose. Besides having a purpose, John is very happy due to his new found faith. In closing my interview with John, I asked him to compare the joys of his new life with that of the rodeo world. His reply was "This joy isn't just for eight seconds, but for eternity."

Local students are Saudi Arabia bound

Operations Desert Shield is really hitting close to home, especially for two young men from SWOSU. Dee Reyes and Greg Carey have been called up for active duty this month. Both men are leaving before the end of the month. We are proud to have had these brave men here at SWOSU and hope their tour of duty is short and effective. Please remember these young men and all the men who are now serving their country in Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia. We should never take for granted the freedoms we have in the United States. Most of us have never seen a war or conflict, but we have all read about Hitler and his Holocaust. Be grateful we are here in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Part-time jobs popular in town

by Sherry Sadler

Every student here at SWOSU has at least one other thing in common besides going to school; they have families they are trying to raise or they have part-time employment.

Many businesses in Sayre, Elk City, Cheyenne, and Clinton are hiring college students. Employers say they can hire three part-time employees instead of one full-time employee because full-time employees need an eight hour day, five days a week. It usually means the employer has to provide family insurance, retirement benefits, and vacation, where a part-time employee will work split shifts or just a few hours a day, maybe even only a day or two each week, whatever the schedule will allow. Who better to fill that job than one or two college students?

College students provide dependable, hard-working, dedicated employees that any business would consider an asset to the company

SOEA chili

The SEOA Club here at SWOSU is having a Chili-Bean Supper Thursday, December 6, from 5-7 p.m. at the Sayre School Cafeteria. The menu includes chili, Fritos, cornbread, salad and dessert. The price of the meals are \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child under 12. This is an important organization of the school, and your patronage would be greatly appreciated. This supper is prior to the Elk City and Sayre Basketball game.

English said to be a little frustrating

by Stephen Spurlin

What good is English? Aside from the fact that it is used as an instrument of torture by numerous English teachers, I can't tell that it really accomplishes much. When we consider also that approximately 90% of all communication is nonverbal anyway, we would begin to have a valid and logical reason to dispense with any form of the spoken word.

There would probably be far fewer barroom brawls if no one could speak; after all it would be much harder to take offense if drunks were merely able to look at one another and grunt. The fights really get violent, however, when English enters into the picture: "You're a **!X*!" "Who asked for your opinion anyway, you bleep?" The knives and guns are usually produced at this point. After the smoke has cleared and one or both assailants lie dazed and bleeding, up steps a man in a three piece suit and hands each of the participants a business card (in English of course) saying, "I represent the law firm of Skinum, Squeezem, and McFlint. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me." One thing is certain — No one will feel free after calling!

When we consider also that basically all of the technological material in existence concerning

the massive nuclear weapons and the missiles used for delivery of said weapons reside in the written word and we might need to dispense with writing also.

English also causes problems in the home. For instance, my wife keeps reminding me that I never tell her anything, but when I do share such information with her as, "I spent \$400 on a new saw today," boy does she ever get excited. One day I even made the mistake of telling her I took a female client to lunch; that really warmed things up around the house!!

My problems really started, however, when I started college 16 years after graduating from high school. I had gone along very happily and expressed myself very adequately (I thought) until I learned that I knew absolutely nothing about English. I have since learned what a comma is, but not where to put it (just where I would like to). I do know what an idea is but not how to express it in words and certainly not coherently. I now spend many hours agonizing over just how to say one thing.

I have progressed, however. I am no longer ignorant of the finer points of English; I merely don't understand how to fix my mistakes. In short I am language im-potent.



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Show support for troops

by Sherry Sadler

With the Christmas Season drawing near, it is time once again to think about the troops in Saudi Arabia. Because of the article printed in the September 19, Sayre Campus Highlights, many people are writing to the troops and have made many new friends. They have made requests for certain articles from the United States, such as cookies, bubble gum, kool-aid, papers from all areas of the country, magazines, and even tapes. It seems the one thing they miss most is just hearing from people. Some of the troops say it's just nice to know that the people here in the United States are on their side in this conflict.

The U.S. Postal Service delivers all letters and parcels to an Army Post Office, (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO) in the United States. From there, the mail is forwarded to the appropriate unit overseas.

If writing to a particular person, be sure you have the APO or FPO. Mail sent to bases, or the old addresses for units shipped over for Operation Desert Shield, will be forwarded to the Middle East.

Anyone interested in writing a letter to an unknown person in the Army, Air Force, or Marines may address it to:

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If parcels are mailed, a customs declaration describing the parcel's contents, Form 2966-A must be complete and attached to each package.

The Department of Defense has its own mail restrictions and has imposed special restrictions to comply with cultural and societal customs in Saudi Arabia. Parcels may not contain religious materials or materials contrary to Islamic faith, such as firearms, pork products, pornography, alcohol, etc.

We have several students writing to these men and women in Saudi Arabia, and they have expressed their many thanks to everyone who takes the time to write. Remember, we do have people from western Oklahoma that are in Saudi Arabia and that it would be nice to let them know we are thinking of them, and that our prayers are with them in whatever happens over in Saudi Arabia.



MR. CRABB'S volleyball class enjoys the change of pace the class provides.